GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Services - Agriculture & Cooperation Department – Complaints – Allegations of manipulations in sale of Rice Harvester in Chittela (V), Tiruvuru (M), Krishna District – Disciplinary action against Smt. Y.Usha Rani, former Mandal Agriculture Officer, Tiruvuru and presently working in the O/o Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, under A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 - Articles of Charge - Issued.

AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATION (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.304 **Dated: 22/03/2024**

Read the following:

1. U.O. Note No. 977(DG)/V&E/Sec-II/D1/2018, General Administration (V&E) Dept., Dt: 14.12.2018.
2. Govt. Memo No. AGC01-AGRI/11/2019-VIG-I, A&C (Vig.I) Dept., dt.08.01.2019.
3. From the Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, Lr.No.Vig.I(I) 24/2019, dt.30.08.2023.
4. Govt. Memo No. AGC01-AGRI/11/2019-VIG-I, A&C (Vig.I) Dept., dt.26.09.2023.
5. From the Spl. Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, Lr.No.Vig.I(I) 24/2019, dt.06.02.2024.

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ORDER:

It is proposed to hold an enquiry against Smt. Y.Usha Rani, former Mandal Agriculture Officer, Tiruvuru and presently working in the O/o Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, in accordance with procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or mis-behaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of Articles of Charge (Annexure-I). Statement of imputation of misconduct or misbehavior on which action is proposed to be taken against her as Annexure-II, a list of documents by which and a list of witnesses by whom the Article of Charge is proposed to be sustained are also enclosed as Annexure-III and IV.

3. Smt.Y.Usha Rani, former Mandal Agriculture Officer, Tiruvuru and presently working in the O/o Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, is directed to submit a Written Statement of Defense (WSD) within (10) days of the receipt of this order.

4. Smt.Y.Usha Rani, former Mandal Agriculture Officer, Tiruvuru and presently working in the O/o Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those Articles of Charge as are not admitted. She should therefore, specifically admit or deny each Articles of Charge.

5. Smt.Y.Usha Rani, former Mandal Agriculture Officer, Tiruvuru and presently working in the O/o Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, is further informed that if she does not submit her Written Statement of Defense (WSD) on or before the date specified in para-3 above, or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the Inquiring Authority may hold the inquiry against her ex-parte.

6. Attention of Smt.Y.Usha Rani, former Mandal Agriculture Officer, Tiruvuru and presently working in the O/o Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, is invited to rule 24 of the A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further her interest in respect of matters pertaining to her service under the Government. If any representation is received on her behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings it will be presumed that Smt. Y.Usha Rani, former Mandal Agriculture Officer, Tiruvuru and presently working in the O/o Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at her instance and action will be taken against her for violation of rule 24 of the A.P. Civil Service (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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7. The receipt of this G.O. shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

GOPAL KRISHNA DWIVEDI
CHIEF COMMISSIONER, RBKs &
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To:

Smt. Y.Usha Rani, former Mandal Agriculture Officer, Tiruvuru and presently working in the O/o Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur.
(through the Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur)

Copy to:

The Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur.
(With a request to serve the original G.O. on the Charged Officer and obtain her dated acknowledgement on the Xerox copy and furnish the same along with her Written Statement of Defense (WSD) to the Government)
Sf./Sc.

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(Contd. Annexures...)

ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SMT.Y.USHA RANI, FORMER MANDAL AGRICULTURE OFFICER, TIRUVURU AND PRESENTLY WORKING IN THE O/o COMMISSIONER & DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE, A.P., GUNTUR.

Articles of Charge - I:

"That the said Smt.Y.Usha Rani, former Mandal Agricultural Officer, Tiruvuru and presently working in the O/o Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, has processed the application of M/s. Taraka Rama Rythu Sangam, Chittela (V), Tiruvuru (M), Krishna District, during the year 2016-17, for sanction of the Rice Harvester on subsidy, during the year 2016-17, without proper verification with reference to details in revenue records and against the guidelines issued by the Department in this concern. Her action has led to irregularity since the Harvester is intended for SC, ST, BC & Minorities and there is only one SC candidate in the said Sangam and no priority is given to the Small & Marginal Farmers.

The above acts show that she is not devoted and negligent in discharging his legitimate duties which attract violation of Rule-3 of A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964."

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ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATION OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOUR IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SMT. Y.USHA RANI, FORMER MANDAL AGRICULTURE OFFICER, TIRUVURU AND PRESENTLY WORKING IN THE O/o COMMISSIONER & DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE, A.P., GUNTUR.

BASIS OF THE CHARGE:

A Complaint Petition was lodged by Sri Kolli Ashok Chowdary, Chittela (V), Tiruvuru (M), erstwhile Krishna District and presently NTR District regarding irregularities & manipulations occurred at the time of sanction of Rice Harvester to M/s. Taraka Rama Rythu Sangam, Chettela (V), Tiruvuru (M), erstwhile Krishna District and Presently NTR District on subsidy basis during the year 2016-17.

The preliminary inquiry conducted by the Sub Collector, Nuzvid reveals that, the staff have not followed the departmental guidelines while sanctioning the Rice Harvester on subsidy basis to M/s. Taraka Rama Rythu Sangam, Chettela (V), Tiruvuru (M), erstwhile Krishna District, during the year 2016-17.

Further, Smt.Y.Usha Rani, former Mandal Agricultural Officer, Tiruvuru,, has not verified the details furnished in online application by M/s. Taraka Rama Rythu Sangam, Chittela (V), Tiruvuru (M), Krishna District for sanction of Rice Harvester on subsidy basis during the year 2016-17. The Harvester is intended for SC, ST, BC & Minorities, but, there is only one SC Candidate in the said group and priority has not been given to the Small and Marginal Farmers. Further, there are variations in the extents and katha Nos as detailed below:

S. NO.	NAME OF THE GROUP MEMBER AND VILLAGE	CASTE/ RYTHU CATEGORY	DETAILS IN ONLINE APPLICATION		DETAILS IN TAHSILDAR REPORT	
			Khata No.	Extent	Khata No.	Extent
1.	Thumallapalli Srinivas Rao, S/o Subba Rao Chittela and PathaTiruvuru	OC / OF	396	11.32	396	11.35
			-	-	781	2.60
			Total	11.32		13.95
2.	B.RamaKrishna, S/o MuttaiahRolupudi and Chittela	OC / SF	-	-	594	4.24
			294	4.24	417	10.76
			Total	4.24		15.00
3.	B.Rama Rao, S/o Venkateswara Rao Rolupudi and Chittela	OC / OF	-	-	765	2.03
			397	6.20	48	0.18
			Total	6.20		2.21
4.	K.Vinay Kumar, S/o LiaiahChittela	SC / MF	255	1.11	255	1.12
5.	B.LaxmiNarayanaS/o NagaiahChittela	OC / SF	393	1.50		

Thus, her negligent and careless attitude towards legitimate duties have led to irregular sanction of Rice Harvester to M/s. Taraka Rama Rythu Sangam, Chittela (V), Tiruvuru (M), Krishna District which attract violation of Rule-3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964. Hence the Charge.

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ANNEXURE -III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SMT. Y.USHA RANI, FORMER MANDAL AGRICULTURE OFFICER, TIRUVURU AND PRESENTLY WORKING IN THE O/o COMMISSIONER & DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE, A.P., GUNTUR PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

Enquiry report submitted by the Smt. Prathistha Mamgain, I.A.S, Sub Collector, Nuzvid vide Rc.G.1640/2020, Dated 24.03.2021.

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ANNEXURE- IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SMT. Y.USHA RANI, FORMER MANDAL AGRICULTURE OFFICER, TIRUVURU AND PRESENTLY WORKING IN THE O/o COMMISSIONER & DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE, A.P., GUNTUR PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

Sri Kolli Ashok Chowdary, Chittela(V), Tiruvuru (M), Krishna District (Complainant)

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